

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to correct the translation of claim 1.

A new abstract page is supplied to conform to that appearing on the publication page of the WIPO application, but the new Abstract is typed on a separate page as required by U.S. practice.

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.


If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, John J. Gresens (Reg. No. 33,112), at (612) 371.5265.

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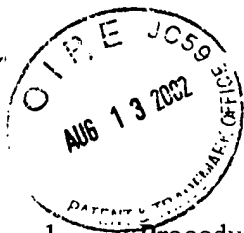
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1. Procedure for control of the content of microorganisms in a sugary, aqueous process medium of extraction systems of the sugar industry using hops acid as the active substance, characterized by the fact that hops acid brought into solution in an aqueous alkaline medium is added to the process medium, whereby the pH value of the added solution is higher than the pH value of the process medium (and) the hops acid in the process medium passes over from the dissociated form into the [dissociated] non-dissociated form.

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